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Intimations.

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New York, July 9, 1878. no. 20

Intimations.

M O O R E & CO., V A R I E T Y S T O R E,

NEWS AGENTS and TOBACCONISTS.

No. 42, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

Intimations.

L A N E, CRAWFORD & CO. beg to notify that they have made such Arrangements in connection with their TAILORING DEPARTMENT, that they are now able to Guarantee the PROMPT Execution of Orders.

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Hongkong, September 8, 1878.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR NEWCHWANG.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR HENRI VINAY has been Appointed Agent for the COMPTOIR D'ESCOMpte DE PARIS, at Hongkong. Mr. ERNEST SCHETEBLIN will have power to act at the same place in Mr. VINAY's absence.

E. G. VOUILLEMONT,
Manager,
COMPTOIR D'ESCOMpte DE PARIS,
SHANGHAI

Shanghai, September 6, 1878.

WITH Reference to the above, I have This Day OPENED THE AGENCY of the COMPTOIR D'ESCOMpte DE PARIS, at the Office of Messrs. RUSSELL & CO.

H. VINAY,
Agent.

Hongkong, September 12, 1878.

NOTICE.

MR. S. GODFREY BIRD is authorised to sign our Firm per Procuration from This Date.

WILSON & SALWAY,
Architects, &c.
Hongkong, October 3, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. ARTHUR CHART in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS & Co.
Hongkong, June 12, 1878.

NOTICE.

MR NG ALI KUM otherwise called NG HOK MUN is admitted a Partner in our Firm from the 2nd February, 1878.

TACK MEE, HOP KEE HONG,
No. 9 & 11, Bonham Strand West.
Hongkong, September 30, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the late Mr NG SIN FOO otherwise called NG HOK SEE in our Firm CEASED from the 2nd February, 1878.

TACK MEE, HOP KEE HONG,
No. 9 & 11, Bonham Strand West.
Hongkong, September 30, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned, HOP YEK & Co., of Howard's Goutwee, No. 239, Shek Tong Tsui, begs to notify that the said Company is not nor will be responsible for any debts contracted by any of the Firm's employees or Partners. Also, no debt, if any, can be deducted from the Rent payable to the said Company. The Company is only responsible for those accounts, which are confirmed and signed by Mr CHU WING ON himself, of the Kung Yen shop, Wing Lok Street.

HOP YEK & Co.
Hongkong, September 13, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having This Day PURCHASED the STOCK-IN-TRADE, Book Debts, and Goodwill of the CHINA DISPENSARY hitherto Carried on by Mr. W. BALL, will conduct and carry on the said Business in connection with the VICTORIA DISPENSARY on his own Account from This Date.

WM. CRUICKSHANK.
Hongkong, August 31, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the Chinese Mail, 华字日报 (Wai Tze Yat Po), CEASED from the 1st August, 1877, but Debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN.
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Undersigned has LEASED the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of MR LEONG YOK CHUN, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new régime will be found to be hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the newspaper.

KONG CHIM,
Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be responsible for any debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

BRUNELLE, British barque, Captain W. Dow.—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.

IMPRESER ELISABETH, Austrian ship, Capt. Herglotz.—D. Mueso & Co.

IRIS, American ship, Capt. O. Patten, &c.

DOX QUIKORE, American ship, Captain Chas. F. King.—Messengers Maritimes.

FATHLINE, British barque, Captain Wm. Armstrong.—O. & O. S. S. Co.

PALMER, British barque, Captain A. Holmes.—Russell & Co.

RALPH M. HAYWARD, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. L. B. Dose.—Meyer & Co.

GLAMIS, British bark, Captain Key.—Russell & Co.

Not Responsible for Debts.

HERAT, British ship, Captain Chas. Matheson.—Jardine Matheson & Co.

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL,
HONGKONG.

To-morrow Evening,
(SATURDAY), October 6th, 1878.

THE ROYAL ENGLISH OPERA
AND
OPERA BOUFFE COMPANY
will produce

ARTHUR SULLIVAN'S DRAMATIC CANTATA
"TRIAL BY JURY."

The Cantata will be preceded
by
OPPENBACH'S COMIC OPERA

"THE ROSE DE SAINT FLEUR."

See future announcements.

Tickets to be had and Seats secured at
Messrs. KREUZ & Co.'s, where a Plan of the
Theatre may be seen.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:
Dress Circle or Orchestra
Stalls TWO DOLLARS.
Pit ONE DOLLAR.

Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen
cannot be admitted.

Hongkong, October 4, 1878.

Intimations.

A FONG,
PHOTOGRAPHER,
by appointment, to

H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, B.-E. AD.
MR ALFRED P. RYDER, and to H. I. H.
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AND
REDUCTIONS.

In a Superior Style at Moderate Charges.
STUDIO, QUEEN'S ROAD;
Nearly opposite The Hongkong Hotel.
Hongkong, September 19, 1878.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 93.

CHINA SEA.

RIVER MIN.—FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

"Benjamin Aymar" Rock.

NOTICE is hereby given that a RED
and BLACK CHEQUERED BUOY,
6 feet in Diameter, surmounted by a Black
Diamond Shaped Cage, will shortly be
placed at the "BENJAMIN AYMAR" Rock,
on which the American Banque Benjamin
Aymar struck in January, 1878, near the
"North Channel" entrance to the Foochow
River.

For Bearings, &c., see Notice to Marin.
ers, No. 84, of 16th April, 1878.

By order of the Inspector General of
Customs,

GERALD E. WELLESLEY,
Acting Engineer-in-Chief,
Imperial Maritime Customs,
Engineer's Office,

Shanghai, September 23, 1878.

NOTICE to Consignees.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Aratoon Apoor, Captain A. B.
MacTavish, having arrived from the
above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her
are requested to send in their Bills of
Lading to the Undersigned for counter-
signature, and to take immediate delivery
of their Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be at
once landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.

DAVID BASSOON, SONS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, October 3, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

S. S. YANGTSE.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNERS of Cargo per S. S.
India, from London, in connection
with the above Steamer, are hereby
informed that their Goods are being
landed and stored at their risk at the
Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be
obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,
unless intimation is received from the
Consignees, before To-morrow, the 5th Inst., at
11 a.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Mon-
day, the 7th October, at Noon, will be
subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUYE,
Agent.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

Not Responsible for Debts of Crew.

HERAT, British ship, Captain Chas.
Matheson.—Jardine Matheson & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW.

The Steamer
"OLYMPIA"
will leave this for the above Port
on SUNDAY, the 6th Instant.

at 10 a.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
KWOK ACHONG,
Hongkong, October 4, 1878.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

The Steamer
"ARRATON APOAR,"
Captain A. B. MacTavish,
will leave the above for the above Port
on TUESDAY, the 15th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID BASSOON, SONS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, October 4, 1878.

FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

MAILS will close:—

For PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, AND
SYDNEY.

Per Ocean, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the

8th Oct., 12 cent rates.

For BANGKOK.

Per Date, at 3.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the

8th Inst.

For THE CHINA MAIL.

MAILS will close:—

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The delivery of the English Mail was begun at 4.5 this afternoon.

We understand that the heads of the Police took precautions to prevent any advantage being taken in other parts of the town, by the rascals who are lurking in our midst, whilst the fire was raging at the P. & O. Company's Godowns, and Inspector Grimes was on the alert afloat and around the Praya.

THE opening match of the Cricket Season was commenced this afternoon. Play began at 2 p.m. The more numerous side having won the toss, elected to bat first, and sent in Hynes and Hughes to open the ball, who were disposed of by Travers and Darby after having scored 6 runs between them. Friend was sent in, and made 17 runs, the best score of the day, when he was caught by Travers. The play to-day was not particularly brilliant, but the weather was, and this tended somewhat to make the play rather toilsome work. When the stumps were drawn at gunfire the score was 102, with 23 wickets down. Play will be resumed to-morrow at 11 o'clock. The following are the scores up to the present:—

W. Hynes b. Travers,.....	2
S. Hughes b. Darby,.....	17
Stevens b. Darby,.....	0
Friend c. Travers b. Darby,.....	0
Caldwell c. Keinegham b. Travers,.....	5
Townsend b. Greer,.....	5
Needham a. n. b. Darby,.....	0
Otley b. Travers,.....	0
Rooke c. Travers b. Greer,.....	8
Kernaghan c. Dunnigan b. Greer,.....	0
Drummond b. Greer,.....	0
Syng c. Heneage b. Greer,.....	1
Somerville b. Darby,.....	8
Jordan b. Greer,.....	0
Midwood b. Darby,.....	11
Grimble b. Greer,.....	7
Coker a. Heneage b. Darby,.....	3
Cavendish c. Saunders b. Darby,.....	0
Welsh b. Darby,.....	3
Anton a. Heneage b. Travers,.....	2
F. Smith b. Travers,.....	0
Travill a. Heneage, Saunders,.....	8
Yull not out,.....	12
Ridgway b. w. b. Greer,.....	2
Extras,.....	4
Total.....	102

THE P. & O. CO.'S GODOWNS ON FIRE.

One of the godowns belonging to the P. & O. Company caught fire last evening about half past 7 o'clock. The alarm was given about quarter to 8, and the various fire Stations were at once communicated with. The engines belonging to the Government and Volunteer Fire Brigades, the Fire Insurance Co.'s engine, and several hand engines belonging to Chinese were got to work as quickly as possible, and shortly after 8 o'clock immense volumes of water were being thrown upon the burning building. A flight of stone steps outside the building, which leads to the upper floor on the northern side, was found very convenient, and two or three streams of water were brought to bear upon the flames in this direction, whilst others were directed both over and under the part of the building in which the fire was raging. About 20 minutes to 9 o'clock the devouring element had made an outlet through the roof and the flames shot into the air, creating a glare which could be seen for a considerable distance. The Engines worked well, and the well-directed efforts of the firemen were soon evidenced. It was at one time feared that the Chinese houses adjoining were in danger, and numbers of the panic-stricken residents were making preparations to remove their goods and chattels, in fact during the early part of the conflagration Queen's Road was alive with coolies carrying loads. Inspector Grey observing this took the precaution to advise the people in the neighbourhood to remain quiet, assuring them there was no occasion for alarm, and that in the event of there being any real danger he would at once see they were made aware of it. The wisdom of this proceeding is apparent when we say that there is not a single case of robbery at the fire to be reported. This happy circumstance is of course due also, in a very great measure, to the extra vigilance of the Police, and the fact that the actual scene of the fire was confined within a compound the gates of which were religiously guarded, none but authorized persons being allowed to pass through. The efforts of the firemen kept the fire within a very limited area, the walls of the building being in many parts not even scorched; and with the exception of the eastern side the walls are not at all damaged. Mr Leatherbore of the Harbour Department, and a number of others whose names we are unable to hand down to posterity, made their way along a passage and took up a position in the immediate vicinity of the fire, and were nearly paying very dearly for their temerity, as the flooring in the centre of the building fell in with a crash about half past 9 o'clock. With the exception of Mr Leatherbore all managed to escape unscathed, but the poor fellow fell with the flooring. Luckily for him he landed on a spring mattress from which he rebounded little the worse for the mishap but a severe shaking, and (as he himself quaintly said when asked if he was hurt) with a few corners knocked off. Mr A. K. Travers also had a corner or two a little damaged by falling timber.

With the exception of these two we have heard of no accidents. The fire was completely mastered by 10 o'clock, although the engines continued playing for some time later. The origin of the fire is thought to be the spontaneous combustion of a quantity of table and bed linen which was stored in the upper part of the building. The godown was used as a store-room and contained a larger quantity of wines and spirits. It is locked every night and the keys are in the possession of a European, so that it is hard to assign any other reason for the fire. As might have been expected in these times, "incendiarism" was the whispered word which might have been heard on all sides, but taking into account the position of the building, the early hour in which the fire occurred, and the hopelessness of plunder unless from the adjoining houses, we fail to see any reason for such an assertion.

The loss is not a heavy one and falls upon the China Fire and the Imperial offices.

(*L. and C. Express*, Aug. 30th.) Captain J. C. Wilson, now in command of the *Thunder*, and who served as a Flag-captain on the China Station, and who wears the China medal, has been appointed to succeed Commodore Hoskins on the Australian Station.

It is reported from Berlin that the negotiations with the Government of China, respecting the final abolition of the lekin duties, have been broken off. It appears that the Chinese authorities finally refused fulfilment of the promises originally given to Herr von Braun. This course was very likely adopted in the hope that the disturbances in Turkey would lead to a general European war, which would make it an impossibility for the European Powers to devote any attention to affairs in the Celestial Empire. The negotiations were suspended in consequence of the departure of our Ambassador, who is at present re-creating his impaired health at the baths of Karlsbad, in Bohemia. It has, however, transpired that negotiations have been opened between the European Powers, to secure united action in compelling the Celestials to carry out that which they originally promised.

The gunboat *Nautius*, which has been stationed in China and the Mediterranean, returned to Kiel on the 24th inst., after an absence of twenty-eight months, and has been put out of commission.

The screw-steamer *Salisbury*, which has been built by the Tyne Iron shipbuilding Company, has made her trial trip of the Northumbrian Coast. She is 287 feet in length, 34 6 feet in depth of hold. Her engines are of 86 and 64 inches diameter of cylinder, with 42-inch stroke, and have been constructed by the North-Eastern Marine Engineering Company, Sunderland. The vessel was taken along the measured mile in Whitley Bay, and afterwards to Newbiggin. The engines worked without a hitch, and the mean speed attained on the test was 11 knots. She is intended for the East Indian and China trade.

Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrates Sitting.)

4th October, 1878.

STEAKING COALS.

Ching Ayan, a boatwoman, cargo boat No. 125, was charged with stealing some coals, the property of Messrs Douglass, Lapraik & Co. It appears that defendant's boat was engaged to convey some coals from an American schooner to the S. S. *Thales*. Captain Pocock, the master of the *Thales*, was standing on the verandah of Messrs Douglass, Lapraik & Co.'s premises, and saw the defendant fill a bucket with coal whilst the cargo boat was sailing towards the steamer, and conceal it in the after part of the boat. He immediately proceeded on board the *Police* Chop and reported the matter. P. C. 59 (L. McKay) accompanied Captain Pocock to the defendant's boat, and the bucket of coal was discovered concealed under a large bag in the after part of the boat.

Defendant admitted taking the coal, but said she did not intend to sell it, but wanted to heat some water to wash her hair; she was aware she had no right to take the coal.—14 days' hard labour.

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRED.

Jan Afuk, captain of the "On Shun" stone junk, was charged by Inspector Grimes with discharging cargo at Peidai's Wharf. Mr Francis discharged the defendant, as Inspector Grimes was unable to produce any rule or regulation forbidding cargo to be landed at that wharf.

ZEALOUS CHAIR OOCHIES.

The bearers of licensed chairs Nos. 369, and 381, were charged by Captain J. P. McEuen, Acting Harbour Master, with obstructing the landing opposite the Harbour Master's office with their chairs. It appears that Captain McEuen noticed a lady landing, and the defendants placed their chairs immediately opposite the landing close to the edge, completely blocking the way. The lady (Captain McEuen said) was really in danger. The bearers of the first mentioned chair were the worst. He (Captain McEuen) sent a constable down to take the numbers of the defendants' chairs. The bearers of chair No. 369 were fined 3s each, and the bearers of chair No. 381, 3s each.

TO-DAY'S FINES.

Chun Aluu, hawking without a license. Fined 10 cents.

Mak Aying, a carpenter, and Pun Atin, a water carrier, creating a disturbance in the public streets. Fined 10 cents each.

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Chan Abo, a fishmonger, hawking fresh fish outside the market. Fined 50 cents.

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Tam Akum, shopkeeper, drunk in the streets and refusing to pay chair hire. Fined 5 shillings and ordered to pay 1s compensation to chair owners.

Chau Afuk, assaulting Tong Achi. Fined \$1 and ordered to pay 1s as compensation to complainant.

John Murphy, alias H. M. S. Kastel, drunk and riotous and assaulting the keeper of a brothel. Fined \$3, fifty cents of which to go to the complainant if fine be paid.

Tang a-choung, hawker, gambling in the public streets. Fined 5s.

Iam Alin, a cook, assaulting one Ham Song, a compadre at Shelley Street, and threatening his life. Fined 5s.

Tan Chan Tse, and another, unlawful possession of a boat. Fined 5s each.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

3rd Oct., 1878.

SIR.—In the *Daily Press* of this morning, appears a letter headed "Officials v. Merchants," written by a person signing himself "Truth."

With regard to the origin and use of our Navy and Army, it is not my intention to go very deeply! it is true that in the days when our adventuresome countrymen first embarked in Commerce they did require armed vessels and men to protect their ships and themselves, but a better state of things exists now, and our Army and Navy, like the Armies and Navies of other powers, have a different mission to fulfill, viz., that of state defence, peace, and general protection.

As regards Officials, both Consular and Colonial, there can be no doubt, but that they have at heart the interests and well-being of their country, and their countrymen's honor; there may be some who take mistaken views; in what sphere is it not so? it is because of these exceptions, that "Truth" speaks in such general condemnation of the Official class; but to (as "Truth" says) come nearer home, does not the Law of this Colony should be set at naught, and the side walks, "such as they are," be used as store places, drying sheds, or huckster stalls? surely not. He is quite right in saying our Colony produces nothing, but it is a large emporium, and a centre where merchandise may be stored in safety until such time as suitable markets can be found for their disposal. For the storage of said merchandise there is ample godown accommodation, which can be bought or hired, for almost any purpose; certainly this is the proper way, and not as the custom with Chinese, using our streets and thoroughfares for such purposes. I fail to see how we can be accused of harassing the Chinese Merchants in their business, when we put them on a par with ourselves, insisting on their using the streets and roads in a legitimate manner, and not as drying places for *bla-de-mai*, or other odious articles; in a very short time they would, if allowed, so narrow the public streets, (as is the case in nearly all thickly populated Chinese towns) as to render them almost impassable.

As for driving the Chinese to desperation, and forcing them to an opposite settlement, as contemplated by the *Quangtung* authorities (to) he need hardly fear such an event. Our Chinese *Micromant* fully appreciates the benefit of trading free of squeezes and would not voluntarily settle under the tender mercies of a lot of native *psky* officials whose only aim would be to squeeze.

Mr Francis has, it appears to me, only done what should have been done long ago, and a few more such fines will soon put matters right; warnings are of no avail! Any one encroaching on the side walks or public ways, should be punished, no matter who he is, otherwise you will see shop fronts extending to the very curb stones, and even further. When "Truth" can find Europeans obstructing or using the public ways for his own benefit, and going unpunished, then he may claim rights for our Chinese Colonists—it matters not whether it be in the Chinese, or European quarter. The Public has a right to the roads and no one class should be allowed to monopolise any portion thereof.

Yours &c., EQUALITY.

ARRIVAL OF THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. Co.'s steam-ship *Nizam*, Captain A. E. Barlow, arrived here this afternoon with the London Mail of the 30th August.

TELEGRAMS.

(*Straits Times Extra*.)

London, Sept. 22.—The transfer of the 101st Regiment (Royal Bengal Fusiliers) (Telegram here indistinct, Reuter's Agent) cancelled in consequence of sickness in Cyprus. (This must mean that the 101st does not relieve the 23d here as stated in Reuter's telegram of the 6th Sept.—Ed. S. T.)

Constantinople, Sept. 22.—Negotiations are now proceeding between Russia and Turkey for the arrangement of the definitive Treaty of Peace, confirming the amount of indemnity payable by Turkey, and regulating the commercial relations between the two countries.

An Afghan Envoy has arrived in Constantinople and is seeking to induce the Ottoman Government to conclude a Russian Alliance.

Bombay, Sept. 23.—The Mission in charge of Sir Neville Chamberlain started for Cabul but has withdrawn to Peshawar, an Officer from the Amherst stationed at the Khyber Pass having refused to allow it to advance.

Constantinople, Sept. 24.—The Russians have evacuated, and the Turks have occupied San Stefano.

London, Sept. 24.—The London newspapers generally agree in opinion regarding the behaviour of the Amherst of Afghanistan and consider that it demands prompt punishment without dragging Russia into the conflict.

London, Sept. 25.—The British Government leaves the Indian Government to pursue its own initiative relative to the Afghanistan.

Constantinople, Sept. 26.—The British Squadron withdraws to Ayasiki until the Amherst leave Adrianople.

Bombay, Sept. 26.—The Mission has been dissolved and troops are being massed upon the frontier for early operations in case they are found necessary, but it is not intended to march to Cabul.

London, Sept. 27.—A Cabinet Council has been summoned to meet next week to deliberate on the relations between England and Afghanistan.

The health of Lord Beaconsfield is in an unsatisfactory state.

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The latest advices from America state that the yellow fever epidemic is the

Southern States is diminishing in consequence of colder weather having set in.

Constantinople, Sept. 15.—The Russians have evacuated Erzeroum.

London, Sept. 15.—Mr. Rivers Wilson has been authorized by the English Government to accept the Egyptian Ministry of Finance.

London, Sept. 16.—The *Morning Post* strongly protests against the Indian Government delaying the mission to Cabul or accepting any promises from Russia that she will not interfere in Afghanistan. The *Times*, in an article on the armistice of the *Subsidiary Princes* of India, advocates their incorporation as a wing of the Indian Army.

Constantinople, Sept. 16.—Midhat Pacha has been authorised to reside in the island of Crete.

Berlin, Sept. 16.—In to-day's sitting of the German Parliament there was a debate upon the Anti-Socialist Bill. Herr Stolberg, the Government representative, in Prince Bismarck's absence, demanded that effectual powers should be granted for the repression of Socialism. The Ultramontane leader and the Socialist members opposed the measure.

London, Sept. 17.—The *Standard* recommends the solving of the Afghanistan problem by making the Hindu Kush, including Southern Afghanistan, under direct or indirect British rule, the frontier of India. The *Morning Post* thinks that the entire power of the British Government should be turned over to the unrestricted occupation of an alien race, which does not even permanently settle in the country. Sooner or later, however, we may rely upon it, the Chinese will argue these points with us as well as with the Americans.



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Hongkong, September 23, 1878. oc10

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AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. MAIL Steamer "CITY OF
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Passengers and Freight, for Japan, the
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a REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER
CENT from Regular Rates is granted to
OFFICERS of the ARMY and NAVY,
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Freight will be received on board until
4 p.m., of 14th October. Parcel Packages
will be received at the office until 5 p.m.
same day; all Parcel Packages should be
marked to address in full; value of same
is required.

Colonial Invoices to accompany Overland
Cargo should be sent to the Company's
Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, September 20, 1878. oc15

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES,
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSILLES;
Also,
PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CAL-
CUTTA AND BOMBAY.

ON THURSDAY, the 17th October,
1878, at Noon, the Company's
S. S. TIGRE, Commandant LOMER,
with MAILED, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for
the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.
on the 16th October, 1878. (Parcels are
not to be sent on board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

H. DU POUEY,
Agent.
Hongkong, October 1, 1878. oc17

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL
AND
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
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THE S. S. "OCEANIC" will be despatch-
ed for San Francisco via Yokohama,
on FRIDAY, the 1st November, at 3 p.m.,
taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan,
the United States and Europe.

Connection is made to Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of the 31st October. PARCEL
PACKAGES will be received at the Office
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on Return PAS-
SENGER TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 57, Queen's Road Central.
G. E. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, October 4, 1878. oc18

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TO LET.

HOUSE No. 9, Queen's Road Central,
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House No. 7, Cain Road, occupied by
The Hon. CECIL SMITH.
House No. 4, Seymour Terrace.
House No. 7, Zetland Street, at present
occupied by Mr HEUERMANN.
DAVID SASOON, SONS & CO.
Hongkong, October 2, 1878.

TO LET.

THREE OFFICES, in Club Chambers,
The BUNGALOW, No. 2, Shelley
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Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.

Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

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IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65,
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situate on Praya East:-

FIRST FLOOR and BASEMENT of
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SIX SPACIOUS ROOMS, with Cor-
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Hongkong, August 15, 1878.

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Geographical Notes on the Province of
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The Ballads of the Shi-king.
Translations of Chinese School-books.

Perkin Warbeck in China.

Short Notices of New Books and Literary
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Notes and Queries.—

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The Giraffe and the K'lin.

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Early Frost in Canton, in 1877-8.

A Chinese Coin.

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Hongkong, Sept. 10, 1878.

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NY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or
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Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

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THE Undersigned, Agents for the above
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surance at current rates.

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Hongkong, October 27, 1878.

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THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents in Hongkong for the above
Company, are prepared to grant In-
surance at current rates payable either
here, in London or at the principal Ports
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Marine Department.
Policies issued for lots or short periods at
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

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Policies issued for sums not exceeding
\$5,000 at reduced rates.

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Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

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THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against FIRE to the extent of
\$45,000 on Buildings or on Goods stored
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Discount of 20% on the Premium.

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Hongkong, October 4, 1878.

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JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
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Hongkong, July 6, 1878.

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to the net amount of Premium contributed
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OLYPHANT & CO.,
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Hongkong, April 17, 1878.

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